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ILO - 63RD CONFERENCE - DAILY REPORT FOR JUNE 7

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1. A) ARAB-ISRAELI: DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) BLANCHARD SHOWED MEMBERS USDEL HOROWITZ, GOOD, BROWN, SMITH DRAFT OF LETTER HE PROPOSED SEND PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC) IF ARABS WOULD ACCEPT IT INSTEAD OF PUSHING FOR ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION. SIMILAR MEETINGS TO CONSIDER HIS LETTER TOOK PLACE ALL DAY, ENDING WITH MEETING OF ARABS ALONE EVENING JUNE 7 TO REVIEW SITUATION. RESULT THAT MEETING NOT KNOWN BUT WE EXPECT DG TO MEET WITH THEM MORNING OF JUNE 8. USREP BELIEVES THAT DRAFT GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO US, AND ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TOLD HORWITZ GOI COULD GO ALONG WITH IT (TEXT SENT SEPTTEL) BUT WE EXPECT ARABS TO SEEK CHANGES. DG WILL CONTINUE TRY ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON HIS LETTER, TO AVOID
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PROBLEM OF ARAB'S PUSHING THEIR RESOLUTION.

B) WHEN PLO REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE AT PLENARY JUNE 6, ALL FOUR USDEL SEATS WERE VACANT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTION BY HOROWITZ THAT US IN ORDER TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF DOING WALKOUT, SHOULD VACATE SEATS BEFORE PLO BEGAN SPEECH, US GOVT DELEGATE (UPTON) HAD MOVED

TO CHAIR AT SIDE OF CONFERENCE HALL WHILE PREVIOUS
SPEAKER WAS STILL TALKING. ALSO, US EMPLOYER
DELEGATE LEFT HIS CHAIR AND LEFT CONFERENCE ROOM AS
SPEAKER PRECEDING PLO LEFT ROSTRUM. US WORKER ALSO OUT OF ROOM.
ISRAELI DELEGATION WAS OCCUPYING ITS SEATS DURING PLO SPEECH. SOME
OTHER DELEGATES LATER SAID THEY INTERPRETED VACANT US
SEATS AS WALKOUT AND COMMENTED ON PRESENCE OF ISRAELI
DELEGATION, ALSO ADDING THAT ALLEGED US "WALKOUT"
WAS SIGN THAT WHAT US WAS DOING IN ILO WAS IN CON-
JUNCTION WITH ITS PRO-ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY.

2. ARTICLE 17 - AT SUGGESTION OF HOROWIZT, SELECTION
COMMITTEE DID NOT MEET EVENING OF JUNE 7 TO DECIDE
HOW TO PROCEED WITH HANDLING AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17,
RATIONALE BEING THAT IF PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON ARAB-
ISRAELI ISSUE (WHICH ARABS CONSIDER LINKED TO
ARTICLE 17) IATMOSPHERE FOR CONSIDERATION ARTICLE 17
WOULD IMPROVE. SELECTION COMMITTEE LIKELY TO MEET
TO DECIDE ISSUE EVENING OF JUNE 8. WESTERN GOVT
DELEGATES HAVE INDICATED TO US THEIR OPPOSITION TO IDEA
OF ASKING SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO PLENARY THAT
BOTH STRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE
CONSIDER AMENDMENT, FOR FEAR THIS WOULD TOUCH OFF
ANOTHER CONFRONTATION AND DEFEAT SIMILAR TO INITIAL VOTE
JUNE 3. HOROWITZ PERSUADED UK DELEGATE WHO CHAIRS EC-9
GROUP NOT TO HAVE GROUP TAKE POSITION ON THIS IDEA UNTIL
DEGREE OF SUPPORT AMONG OTHER DELEGATES HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED
TO SEE WHETHER PROPOSAL COULD BE ACCEPTED IN PLENARY.

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3. STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN AZIMI (IRAN) PROPOSED
TWO GROUPS BE FORMED, ONE OF GOVTS ONLY TO CONSIDER
ARTICLE 7 (TEN NON-ELECTIVE SEATS) AND ARTICLE 36 (VETO
POWER) AND OTHER TRIPARTITE GROUP TO CONSIDER ALL OTHER MATTERS
(THIS WOULD INCLUDE ARTICLE 17). PRELIMINARY REACTION
WAS OPPOSITION FROM USSR, ALGERIA, LIBYA, GOVT REPS, AND
SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL FROM WORKER AND EMPLOYER MEMBERS
COMMITTEE. FURTHER CONSIDERATION WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 8.

4. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: TENTATIVE OUTCOME OF
CHOOSING FIVE OUT OF FIFTEEN RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
(INCLUDING AMALGAMATING SOME) IS: 1, TRIPARTISM;;
2, PROTECTION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS; 3, FIRE PREVENTION;
4, PANAMA CANAL ZONE; 5, DISARMAMENT. WORKER,
EMPLOYER AND GOVT GROUPS HAD EARLIER VOTED SEPARATELY, AND
THERE ARE SOME REPORTS THAT IN EACH GROUP
PANAMA RESOLUTION WAS IN FIRST FIVE CHOSEN.
IF TRUE EMPLOYER GROUP RESULT WAS PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTING OUT-
COME FOR US SINCE WE HAD EXPECTED REJECTION OF PANAMA

RESOLUTION THERE. PANAMA IS NOW RE-DRAFTING RESOLUTION
IN ORDER TO GARNER EVEN MORE SUPPORT. FULL COMMITTEE
WILL PRESUMABLY MAKE FINAL DECISION JUNE 8 ON CHOOSING
FIVE RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION.

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5. COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS: VOTED
IN FAVOR OF KEEPING CRITERION 7 (SPECIAL LIST)
AS MEANS OF HAVING CONFERENCE CITE MEMBERS WHO CONTINUALLY
VIOLATE CONVENTIONS. USSR WHICH HAD EARLIER
ATTACKED US FOR NOT RATIFYING CONVENTIONS, CALLED FOR VOTE
WHICH THROUGH WEIGHTED VOTING RESULTED IN 6,203 FOR
AND 2,515 ABSTENTIONS WITH WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES
STRONGLY IN FAVOR. NOT KNOWN WHEN COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN
CONSIDERATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR ISRAEL SECTIONS OF
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS REPORT.

6. COMMITTEE ON WORKING ENVIRONMENT: WORK GOING WELL, WITH
SEVERAL AMENDMENTS BEING CONSIDERED, AND SOME WITHDRAWN
AFTER DISCUSSION.

7. COMMITTEE ON NURSING PERSONNEL: TRYING TO DECIDE
WHETHER TO PROPOSE RECOMMENDATION (SUPPORTED BY EMPLOYERS)
OR CONVENTION (SUPPORTED BY WORKERS). DECISION POSTPONED
UNTIL JUNE 10.

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8. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES: GENERAL DISCUSSION COMPLETED: 40 AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED INCLUDING TWO BY US (PROBLEMS OF FED GOVT ADOPTING CONVENTION AND NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY ON CONVERGENCE OF MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES). SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF WHETHER TO HAVE CONVENTION (FAVORED BY WORKERS) OR RECOMMENDATION (EMPLOYERS) LED TO OVERWHELMING VOTE AGAINST RECOMMENDATION (US SPOKE IN FAVOR RECOMMENDATION). EMPLOYERS CALLED FOR RECORD VOTE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8. US WORKING WITH WESTERN GOVT REPS TO SEEK CONSENSUS WHICH NOT YET ACHIEVED.

9. COMMITTEE ON LABOR ADMINISTRATION: 27 AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED, WITH COMMITTEE FOCUSING AT MOMENT ON WHETHER TO HAVE CONVENTION OR RECOMMENDATION, BUT NO AGREEMENT REACHED. US MET WITH WESTERN GOVT MEMBERS TO DISCUSS AMENDMENTS, AND CONSENSUS WAS REACHED.

10. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (SOC): AS RESULT OF CONFERENCE DECISION NOT TO SEND ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT TO SOC, FIRST SITTING OF SOC WAS BRIEF. OFFICERS ELECTED: GOVT CHAIRMAN, SAMPERA (COLOMBIA), EMP VICE CHAIRMAN HAK (NETHERLANDS), WORKER VC - MAIER, (AUSTRIA). FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: 1. REPORT GB TO CONFERENCE ART 25, 12, 14; 2. PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET, ART 11 BIS; 3. ARTICLE 18.

4. DISCONTINUANCE OF MINUTES OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (ART 55 AND 69) AND OFFICIAL RECORD OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (ART 22 AND 23). SINGLE US INTERVENTION MADE WAS IN SUPPORT OF ART 18
INN RESPONSE TO RESERVATIONS OF SEVERAL EAST BLOC GOVT AND WORKER REPS. COMMITTEE HAS NOT ADJOURNED FOR CONFERENCE BUT CAN BE CALLED TO MEET IN FUTURE IF STRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORTS ART 17 TO IT.

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11. PLENARY: A. PLO SPEECH JUNE 6 ATTACKED US BY NAME FOR PRESSURING ILO INCLUDING SENDING "NOTES" TO GOVERNMENTS PRIOR CONFERENCE, AND CHARGED US PROVOCATIVE, CARRYING OUT "DISHONEST ATTEMPT TO PREVENT CONFERENCE FROM EXERTING ITS WILL", AND "REFLECT LACK OF SERIOUSNESS IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRONOUNCEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, OR PERHAPS HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE AMERICAN

CONCEPT STOP AT THE FRONTIER OF TEL AVIV."

B. JUNE 7 - DISCUSSION OF DG'S REPORT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION CONTINUES WITH SOME SPEAKERS INSERTING INTO THEIR REMARKS COMMENTS ON OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS ARTICLE 17, STRUCTURE, ETC. (SEE SEPTTEL SUMMARIZING SOMALI SPEECH) LIBERIA, ZAIRE, AND OTHERS SAID ILO NEEDS STRUCTURAL REFORM IN ORDER TO MEET NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PANAMA ATTACKED "AUTHORITIES" IN CANAL ZONE FOR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, VIOLATION HUMAN RIGHTS, ETC. CUBAN ALSO REFERRED TO PANAMA CANAL ZONE AND ALSO TO "COLONIAL STATUS" OF PUERTO RICO.

12. OTHER: AT OFFICIAL LUNCH GIVEN BY USREP FOR GOVT DELEGATES FROM LATIN AMERICA, BRAZILIAN TOOK HARD LINE WITH REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 17, SAYING IT DEFINITELY SHOULD GO TO STRUCTURE COMMITTEE. COLOMBIAN DELEGATES STRONGLY SUPPORTED US, VENEZUELA WAS AMBIGUOUS, AND TRINIDAD/TOBAGO, ARGENTINA AND JAMAICA WERE SILENT. SORENSON

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